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CAROLINA

I spent three full days in the NC-SC-GA area gathering material for the family history. Seeing the name "Cleveland" in so many places was a strange experience; for each time I saw it, I was reaching into the past to touch the spirit of someone related by bloodline to me. These were pride-inspiring moments for me as I was overwhelmed by an intense sense of heritage. I was humbled, too, however, for I fear I lack the pioneer spirit and courage of my forefathers. I was too happy to return home to my mommy!

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Top: Debbie Barfield and Robert Mathis Cleveland. I "met" Debbie several months ago when I was doing mail research for the family history. She is a secretary/genealogist with the Greenville County (SC) Library and specializes in Cleveland history. She was "into" Cleveland history even before she met Robert, her boyfriend for the past eighteen months. Robert is a direct descendant of Capt. Robert Cleveland (a Revolutionary War hero at King's Mountain, the brother of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and a first cousin to our "direct" ancestor, Jacob Cleveland). Just as Debbie exemplifies "Southern hospitality," Robert represents the gallantry and chivalry of a true Southern gentleman.

Middle: Seventh cousins Robert Mathis Cleveland and me, Vikki Lyn Cleveland. Though these photos do not show the resemblance so well, Robert looks amazingly like my younger brother Monte. They have many of the same mannerisms, habits, and inclinations; and both have had "mesh skin" implanted surgically because of muscle deterioration from prior surgeries. The similarities are astonishing considering the distance of generations and locations between the lines.

Bottom: Robert's mother, Sarah Burris Cleveland, and his sister, Mary Sue Cleveland.

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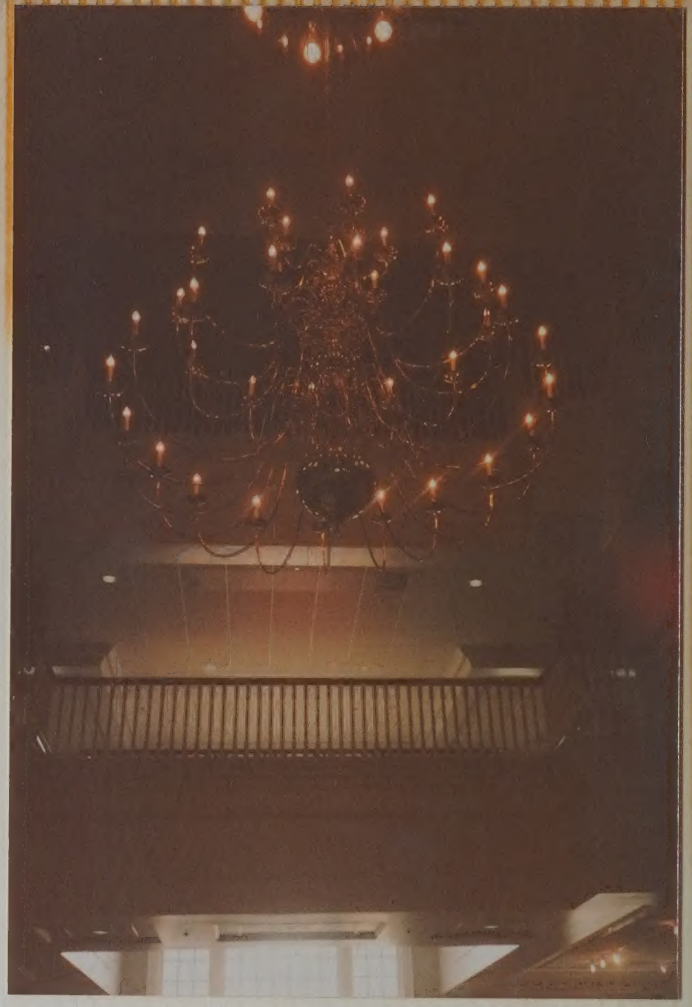

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Top: The Greenville power company is housed in a huge Williamsburg type structure that definitely is NOT a stereotypical utilities building. The chandelier hangs in the main lobby. One function of this utility is to sell appliances to needy customers, who can pay as little as $10.00 a month for an installment payment. The power company is also known for excellent "service after the sale."

A big part of Greenville is trying valiantly to maintain the ambience of the "days-gone-by" era of our ancestors.

Bottom: The Furman University Bell Tower is located on a penisula of the thirty-acre Furman University Lake and is a replica of the tower on the Main Building of the original men's campus in downtown Greenville. This tower was presented to the university by the family of the late Alester Garden Furman, class of 1886, of Greenville, SC. Its sixty-bell carillon honors the late John Edwards Burnside, class of 1917, of Charlotte, NC.

(Note: There is no genealogical purpose for these photos. I just thought the information was interesting ☺)

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The "CRADLE OF GREENVILLE," located in downtown Greenville, SC, marks the site of the first home, mill, and trading post established in this area in pre-Revolutionary days amid the Cherokee Indian Nation. When our cousin Jeremiah Cleveland came to Greenville between 1803 and 1804, a courthouse had been built close by and the city had been designated as a county seat.

This fairly recent picture shows the house which in the nineteenth century was the summer home of Captain William Choice and his wife, Caroline Cleveland Choice. Before its destruction within the last decade, it was located near the present site of Furman University. It is thought that the house was built in the early part of the eighteenth century by Captain Josiah Choice, who, during the Union occupation of Greenville, was shot when he reputedly threatened to kill anyone who took his horse.

Captain William Choice was a prominent attorney in early Greenville, where he and Mrs. Choice were leaders in the social, cultural, and business development of the town. Their permanent home was at the approximate site of the Greenville County School Office on Camperdown Way. Photograph from *Bridging the Gap;* courtesy of the Greenville County Library

This was Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland's house. It stood on Main Street in Greenville.

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CRADLE OF GREENVILLE

GREENVILLE, SC

"Cradle of Civilization" – continued. The city was built around this central location, which is now a city park in the middle of downtown Greenville. Cousin Jeremiah played a major role in the growth of the city. He amassed quite a fortune as partner in a merchandising business called Erwin, Patton, and Cleveland. In 1822 he built one of the first brick homes, a two-story house that took up a whole city block. It stood until 1910, when it was torn down, and the Cleveland Building was built in its place. This building has been "modernized" (unfortunately) and is now officially the Kreske Building though most native "Greenvillians" still refer to it as the Cleveland Building. My guide and hostess, Debbie Barfield, stands by the falls. She has a NY/Jewish accent but Southern manners. I would have been completely adrift without her ↓

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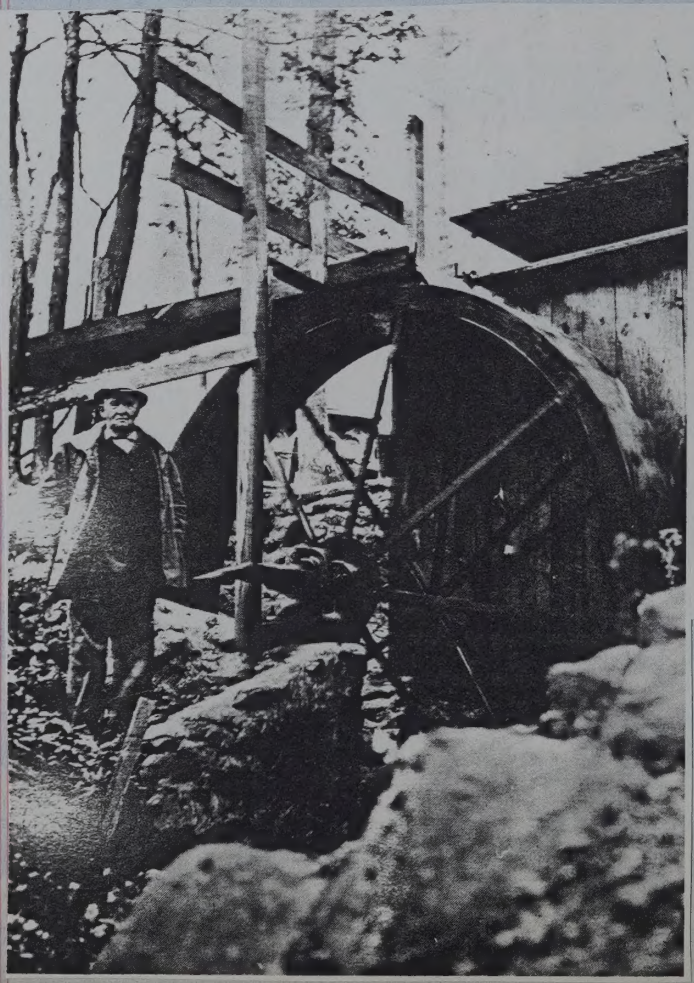
Hilly Home near present Cleveland, SC, in the upper part of the county, was built about 1838 by J. Harvey Cleveland, who moved there from the town of Greenville. He became a large landowner and farmer, moving later to Marietta where he had purchased land. Descendants lived in this house until about 1951. The house burned about 1964. During World War I, General George Gatley was in charge of an artillery training range near the site of Hilly Home. Courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker Cleveland



In this photograph J. Harvey Cleveland (1878-1951), the grandson of the original owner of Hilly Home, and a long-time resident thereof, stands beside a mill wheel which is like the one that was used at Hilly Home to grind corn from 1838 to 1951.

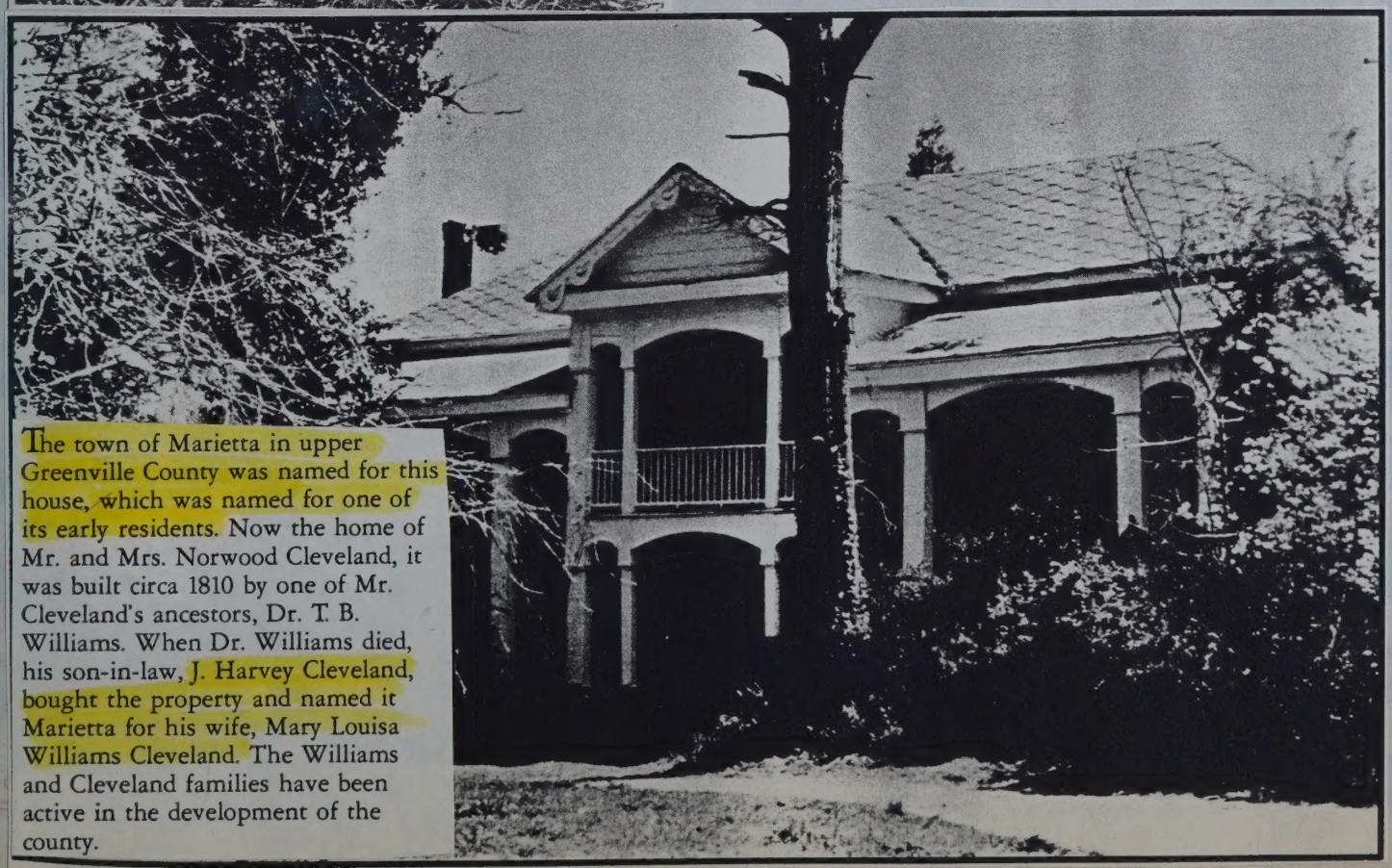
Mr. Cleveland served in the South Carolina legislature for twenty years. A mark of his generosity is that he gave the first twenty-eight acres of land for Camp Greenville, the YMCA camp in the northern part of the county. Courtesy of the Cleveland family

J. Harvey Cleveland was Capt. Jeremiah's great-grandson.

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC

In this 1925 picture are the children of William Choice Cleveland of Greenville and his wife, Alice Burnett Cleveland. From left to right they are Alice (Richardson); W. C., Jr.; Harriet (Dobbins); and Trudy (McCoin). Photograph by Bachrach of New York; courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dobbins

William Choice Cleveland was the great-great-grandson of Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland. W.C. ("Billy") Jr. was the notorious "Partying Cleveland" who died young in an airplane. Harriet Cleveland Dobbins is still, in 1990, living and in her 70s.



The town of Marietta in upper Greenville County was named for this house, which was named for one of its early residents. Now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Cleveland, it was built circa 1810 by one of Mr. Cleveland's ancestors, Dr. T. B. Williams. When Dr. Williams died, his son-in-law, J. Harvey Cleveland, bought the property and named it Marietta for his wife, Mary Louisa Williams Cleveland. The Williams and Cleveland families have been active in the development of the county.

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Top: Cleveland Street in downtown Greenville, SC.

Middle: The Beattie Home was erected in 1834 and used as a private residence until 1948, when it was relocated and restored for the Greenville Women's Club. In 1983 it was moved to its present location, 8 Bennett Street. It's a beautiful home with period furnishings and is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. The Beattie who built the house was married to a descendant of Capt. Robert Cleveland.

Bottom: The Kilgore-Lewis House, the current home of the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs, was built in 1838 and restored in 1976. There is no Cleveland connection here that I know of. I just thought the house was pretty

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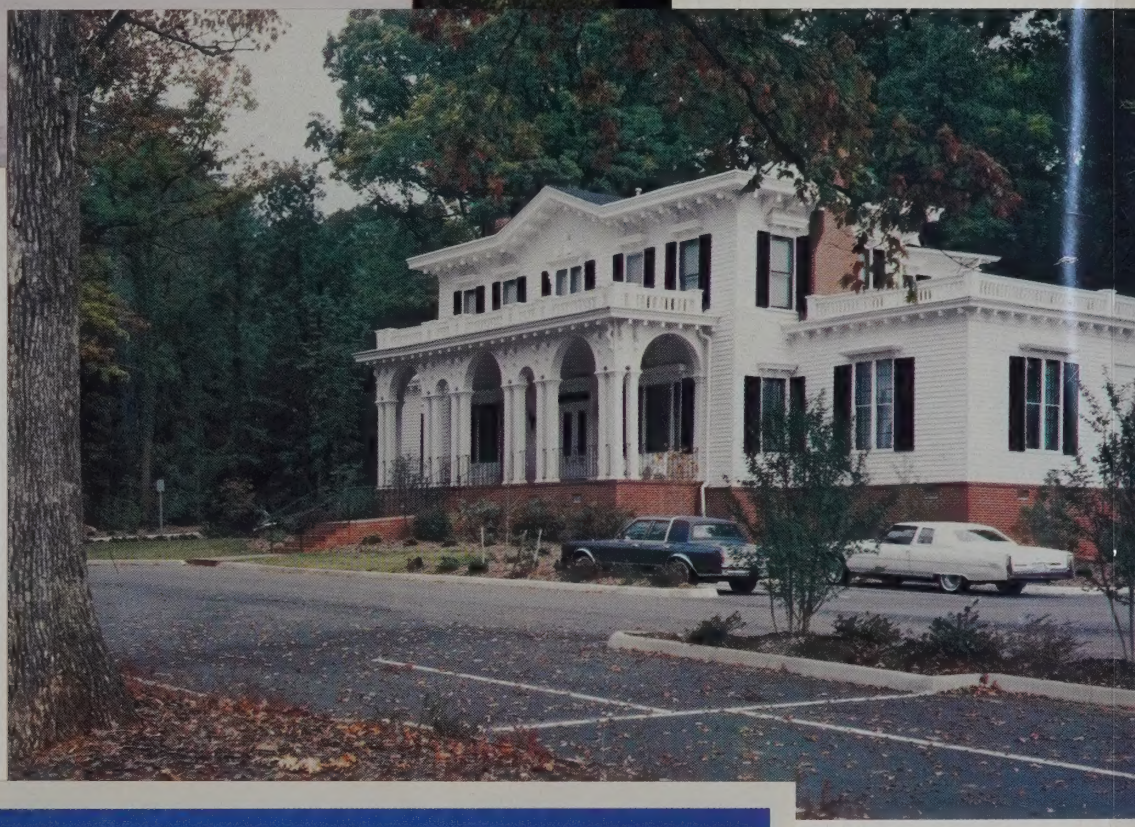

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Top: Yellow Jessamine is the state flower of South Carolina. Its fragrance is the most delicate of all early spring flowers. The vine flourishes from the mountains to the seashore and is a favorite essence for perfumes. This photograph shows the approximate size of the flowers.

Bottom: I absolutely fell in love with these crepe myrtle trees. Unfortunately, they thrive only in warmer environments. Some crepe myrtle trees have white blooms, but I much more preferred these fuschia flowers. Though I didn't get a good picture of it, I also liked the kudsu, an ivy-like vine that covered a lot of the roadside ground where weeds and other wild vegetation usually flourish. To me the kudsu gave everything a serene beauty, like a huge English garden. Natives of South Carolina hate the stuff, however. Brought over originally by English immigrants as decorative ground cover, it now is taking over everywhere and frequently chokes the life out of other desirable plant life, even trees.

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Top: Cleveland Auto Supply was originally owned by Marshall and J. B. Cleveland, then Marshall Duke Cleveland, a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Though the name has been retained, the store is no longer in the Cleveland family.

Middle and Bottom: The Clevelands Gospel Supply and Gift Shop is owned and operated by "little old Cleveland ladies." However, I did not get to meet them, for the store was closed when we were there. The man at Cleveland Auto Supply had warned us that the ladies were not necessarily kindly souls, but we were willing to take the chance anyway. I can't imagine a Cleveland who isn't nice!

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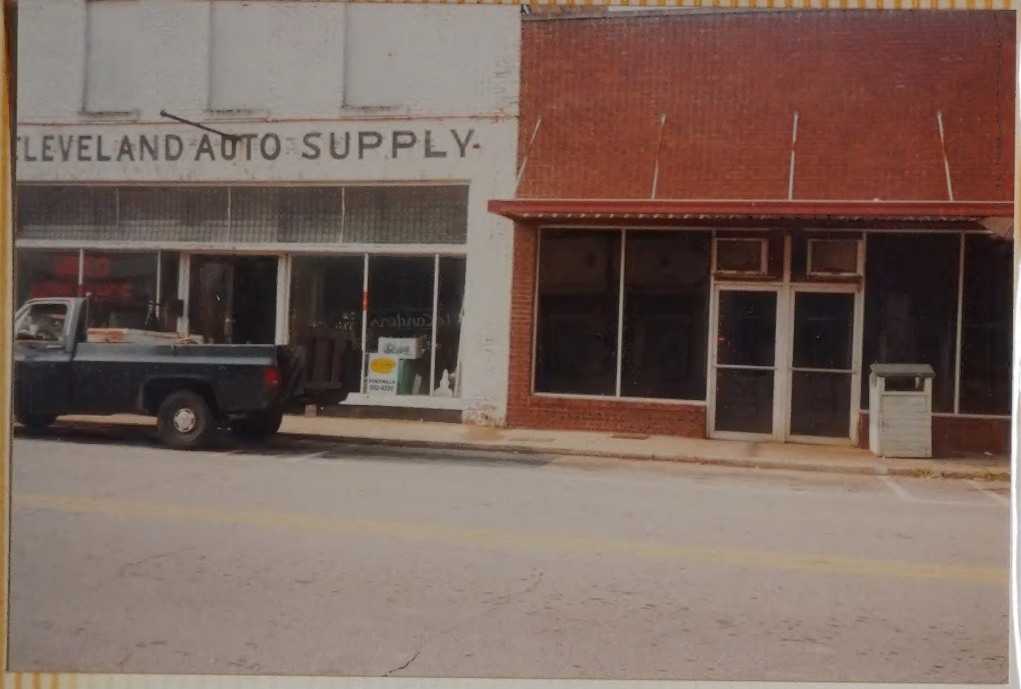
LEVELAND AUTO SUPPLY

CLEVELAND'S GOSPEL SUPPLY
AND
GIFT SHOP, INC.
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GOSPEL SUPPLY
& Gift Shop
Food For The Soul

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MAGNIFYING SHE
ABSOLUTELY FREE!
PRIME TIME

CLEVELAND PIKE
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CLEVELAND PIKE
NAMED FOR
COLONEL BENJAMIN CLEVELAND
1738 - 1806
ONE OF THE HEROIC COLONELS AT THE
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AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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ERECTED BY OCONEE COUNTY
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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CLEVELAND PIKE was named in honor of our cousin Colonel Benjamin Cleveland by an act of the SC Legislature in 1920. This roadside monument was erected by the Oconee County Bicentennial Commission. In addition to his heroics at King's Mountain during the Revolution, Cousin Colonel Ben was prominent in this area and just across the river in Georgia as a wealthy landowner and judge.

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Because we were thirsty, we made an unscheduled stop at a roadside grocery store which just happened to belong to a Cleveland. The owner, Neil Cleveland, talked with us for nearly half an hour. He is one of the Mississippi Clevelands (cousins to our line) who moved to and lived in Muskogee, OK, for a time before leaving the "rat race" to open a country store in Stephens County, GA. Born June 2, 1946, he is the son of David Cleveland, the grandson of Samuel and Bessie Cleveland, and the great-grandson of Grover Cleveland (not the President, though we are very distantly related to President Stephen Grover Cleveland ☺) Neil told us that Mary Arve, an 80+-year-old retired school-teacher who is a direct descendant of Cousin Colonel Ben, lived not too far away, but we were unable to talk with her on this particular trip. Note in the bottom photograph the plate bearing the name of Cleveland, GA. This truck just happened to park outside the Cleveland General Store while we were there. Cleveland, GA, is in White County, a neighbor county of Stephens County. Many, many Clevelands settled in this general area in the 1700s and 1800s. Our "direct" ancestors, William and Eba Morris Cleveland, lived for a time in Habersham County, which was a "parent county" for White County.

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CLEVELAND'S
General Store

Mountain
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GEORGIA

1738 — 1806

1738 — 1806

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Another monument to Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, near Taccoa, GA. This one was erected by members of the Cleveland family in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, in tribute to "a hero of the Revolution of American Independence and one of the commanders of the Battle of King's Mountain." Occupying a small patch of land in someone's yard, this particular monument is surrounded by a rusty iron fence and is, regretably, rather shabbily maintained. The owner of the home there has historic roots in this area and told us he's getting tired of waiting for someone official to spruce up the monument. He's been considering doing some painting, cleaning, and landscaping himself. As Colonel Ben's cousin, I told him, "Go right ahead on, with my thanks and blessings!"

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HART and ELBERT COUNTIES, GA

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Top: Cleveland Ramp, Hart County, GA. Many Clevelands had land on both the South Carolina and Georgia sides of the Tugaloo River. On the SC side, there is Cleveland's Ferry.

Bottom: The Cleveland Cemetery in Elbert County, GA, is the cemetery in this news story. The specific identity of the person buried in each grave is nearly impossible to determine now, after the flooding of the land following construction of a dam (a damn dam!) in the area. However, our "direct" ancestors (my great-great-great-great-grandparents) Jacob and Milly White Cleveland were buried in this cemetery along with at least three of their children (sons James, John, and Reuben) and other relatives.

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Photo by Randall Holcombe

**Westminster historian M.C. Sheriff and Lois Cleveland Corbett of Seneca, the great-great-grandaughter of Revolutionary War soldier Jeremiah Cleveland, pause by the Cleveland family graves beside Lake Hartwell.**

# Protection sought for family's burial ground at Lake Hartwell

Greenville News Nov. 8-87

**By Randall Holcombe**
**The Greenville News**

FAIR PLAY — A 60-year-old riddle was solved for an Oconee County historian recently when a Fair Play fisherman discovered the remnants of a burial ground on the shores of Lake Hartwell.

James Smith was walking along the shores of Fair Play Beach when he discovered nine rectangular indentations on the rocky shore. About 50 feet from the normal shoreline, the markings on the ground had been revealed by the low water level in the lake.

Local historian M.C. Sheriff of Westminster has now determined that the indentations are the graves of the history-rich Jeremiah Cleveland family — graves that Sheriff had been searching for for most of his life.

Sheriff and other members of the Oconee County Historical Society are now hoping to have the graves permanently rescued from the lake waters.

They have contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the possibility of building a dirt peninsula around the graves to keep them above water.

Lois Cleveland Corbett of the Reedy Fork community near Seneca is the great-great-granddaughter of Jeremiah Cleveland.

According to Mrs. Corbett, the Cleveland family moved into the Fair Play area in the mid 1700s.

Jeremiah Cleveland fought alongside four of his brothers during the American Revolution. Jeremiah fought at the battle of King's Mountain and then went north to fight under George Washington at Yorktown, where the British surrender took place, Mrs. Corbett said.

Some local children recently have used rows of stones to mark the nine graves. Unless something is done, Sheriff said, the graves will be under water again as soon as the lake rises.

Sheriff said he thinks it would be especially appropriate to rescue the graves in the year commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

"He fought for our liberty. We've got to fight for a little bit of dirt and a little bit of remembrance," Sheriff said.

CHARLES R CLEVELAND
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HART COUNTY, GA

Disappointed in our attempts to locate Van's Creek Baptist Church, which is located in the booniest of the boonies somewhere, we tried to make do with the Olivette Baptist Church Cemetery, which was guarded by a sign proclaiming "Do not dig new graves without notifying cemetery officials." One can only wonder at the motivating incident for that sign! Though this particular churchyard contained several Clevelands, I wasn't overly excited by it. Perhaps by then my enthusiam had been boiled away by the 100° heat! And I did have my heart set on Van's Creek, the church that Jacob and Milly White Cleveland belonged to. Milly's brother, John Martin White, was one of the charter members of Van's Creek Baptist, the oldest Baptist church in Georgia.

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The Cleveland Law Range is no longer staffed by Clevelands, but the building is still standing. At one time Clevelands in this area usually pursued one of four general careers: lawyer, doctor, merchant, or farmer. Many of the Clevelands who were lawyers entered politics and served in both local and state capacities.

*Built on Magnolia Street across from the court house in the late 1880s, the Cleveland Building housed law offices and the headquarters of the various business interests of John B. and Jesse Cleveland. The building, commonly called the Cleveland "Law Range," has recently undergone restoration. This photograph dates from the 1950s.*
*Photograph by B & B Studio.*

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THE CLEVELAND LAW RANGE
175 MAGNOLIA STREET
ATTORNEYS
SUITE
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FRALEY, McCHESNEY & McCHESNEY
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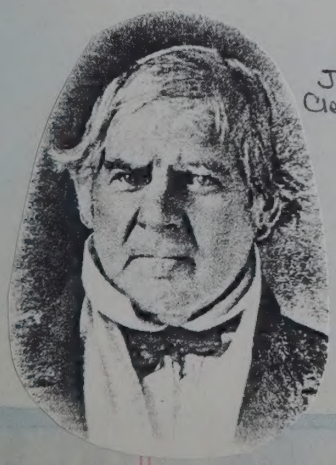
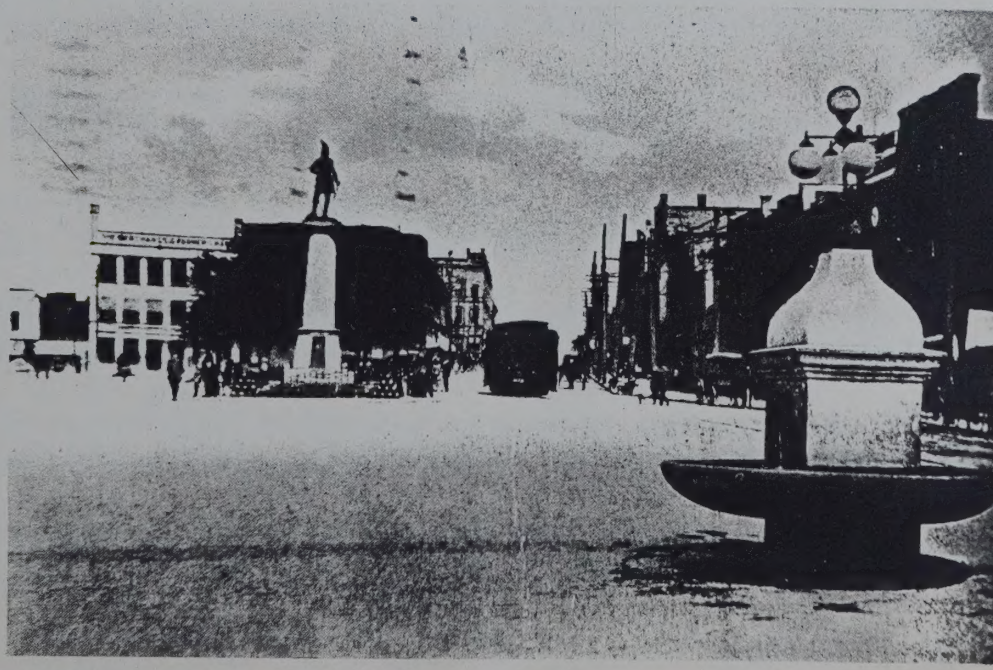
Cleveland Park is named in honor of Jesse Cleveland, whose grandson donated the land to the city of Spartanburg. Jesse, a son of Capt. Robert Cleveland and brother of Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland, emigrated from Wilkes County, NC, in 1810 and settled in Spartanburg. (Jeremiah resided in Greenville.) In the beginning and early development of Spartanburg, Jesse was prominently involved with all the city's business interests. He began and continued for many years a merchandising business, purchasing his goods in Charleston, Baltimore, and Augusta, and bringing them overland in wagons to Spartanburg. He was noted not only for his superior business judgment, but also for his "fair and honorable dealing." This monument to Jesse in Cleveland Park was originally a fountain.

*In 1920 Spartanburg City Council voted to remove this fountain from Morgan Square and replace it with a drinking fountain. When John B. Cleveland gave the land known as Cleveland Park to the city in 1923, the concrete fountain was placed there. It still stands in the park, shorn of its crown of lights and converted into a gigantic planter.*



Jesse Cleveland



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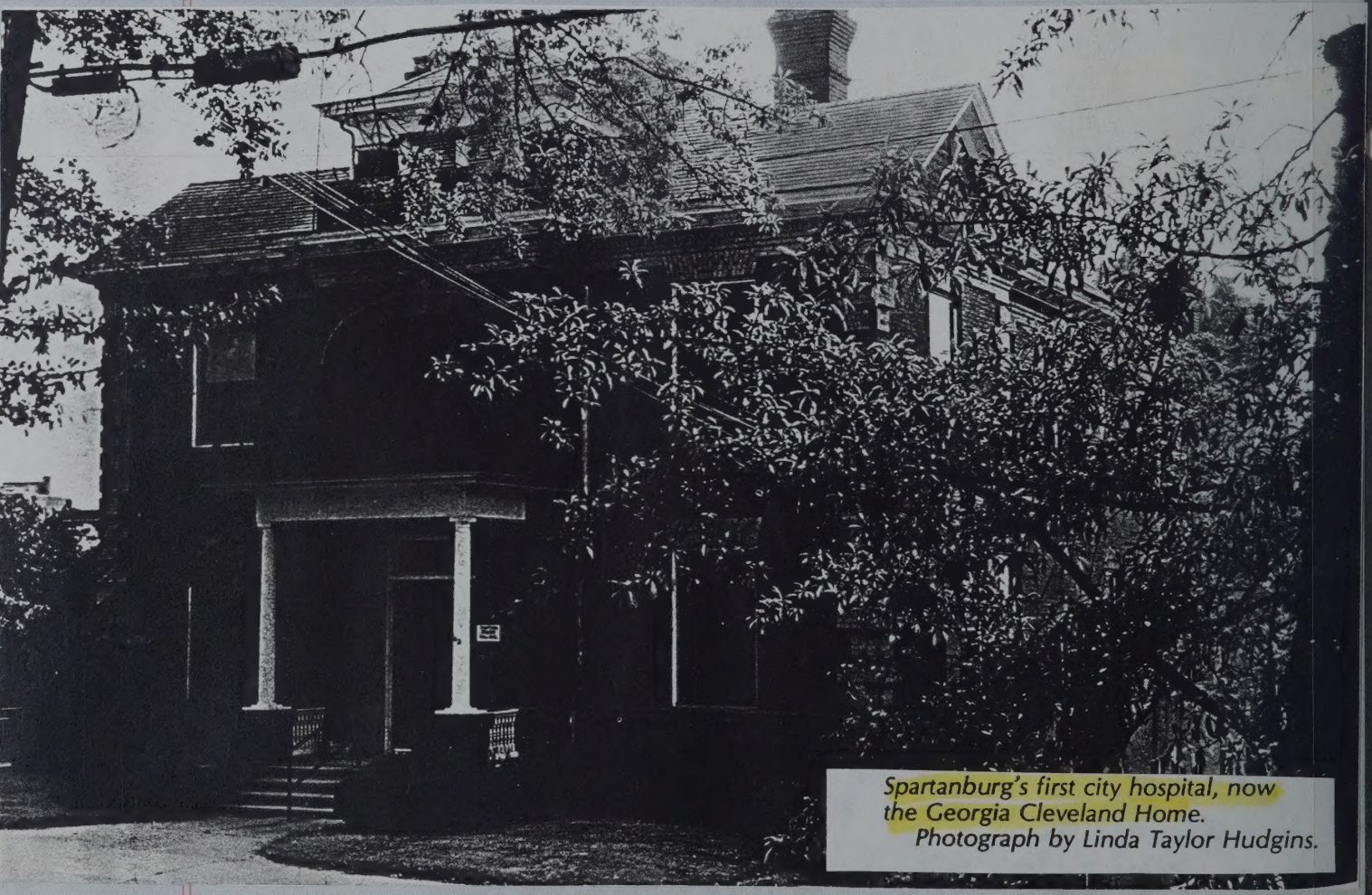
Though most Clevelands were Baptists, some (usually the wealthiest Clevelands) converted to the Episcopal faith. This churchyard cemetery is at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. A single look at the tombstones can certify the abundance of $MONEY$ in the family. Clevelands (descendants of Jesse Cleveland) occupy one entire side of the churchyard.



*Spartanburg's first city hospital, now the Georgia Cleveland Home. Photograph by Linda Taylor Hudgins.*

Episcopal
Church of the Advent
SUNDAY SERVICES
8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
HOLY COMMUNION and HEALING SERVICES
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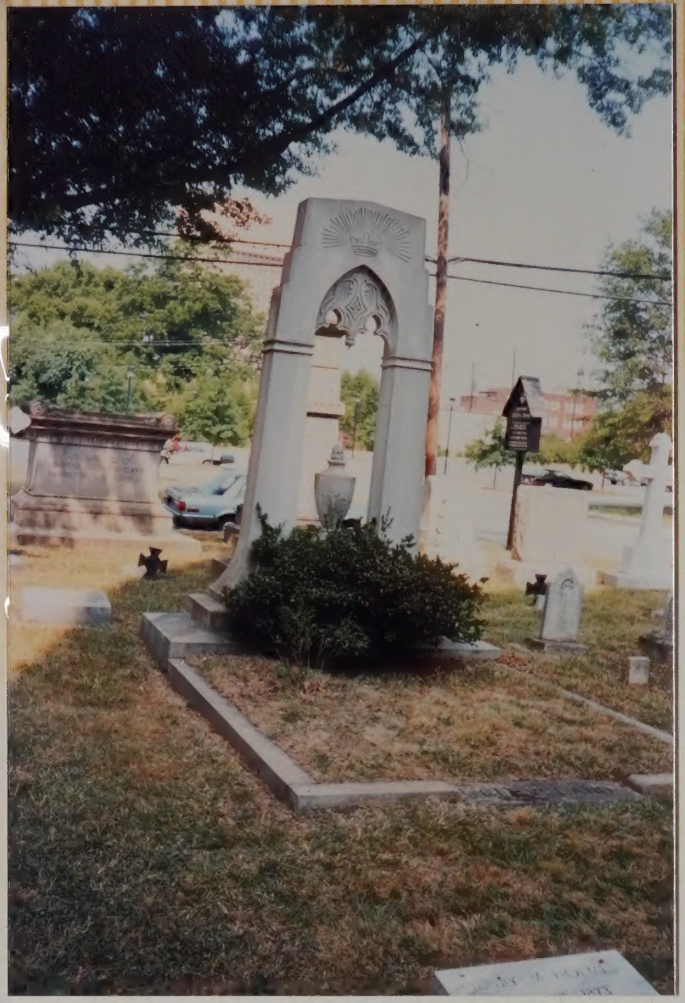

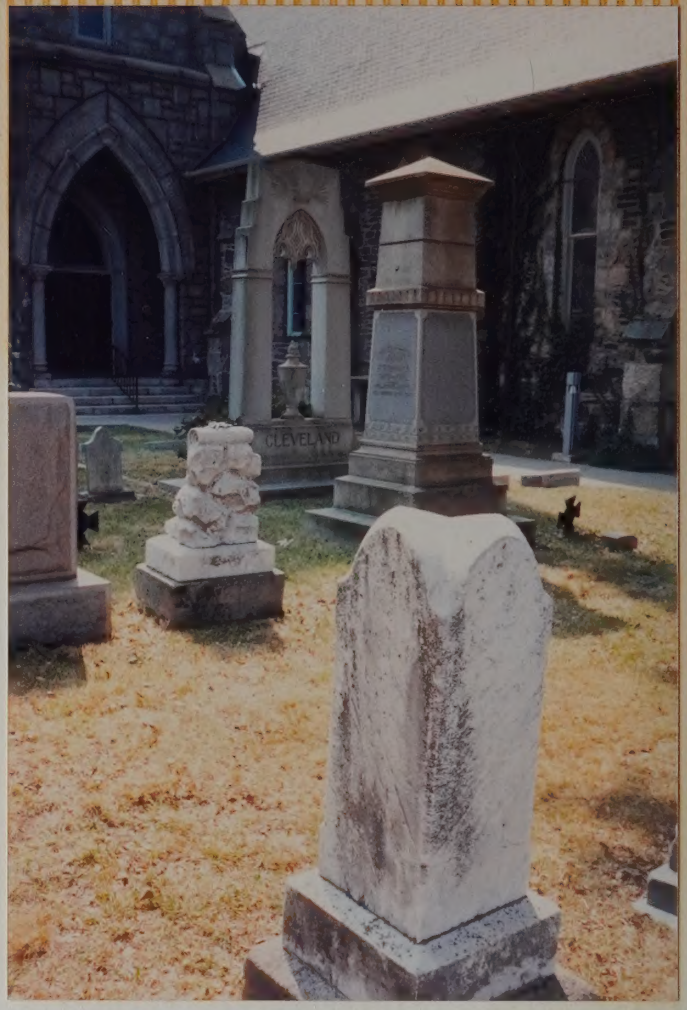
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The churchyard of the Episcopal Church of the Advent - continued. All graves are those of descendants of Jesse Cleveland or those marrying into the family. The tombstone, lower right, marks the resting place of Dr. Jesse F. Cleveland, the grandson of Jesse and himself a well-known and popular Spartanburg citizen.

*Two of these young men were native Spartans, the future physician Jesse Cleveland in the middle and Barnett Franklin Cleveland on his left. The two Spartans and their unidentified friend were serving in the South Carolina Militia guarding the coast in Charleston sometime in the 1860s when this picture was taken. Jesse seems either to have given up a Napoleonic pose, gotten very warm, or become absent-minded about his appearance.*

*Photograph courtesy of Jesse Franklin Cleveland.*

***Elisabeth Emily Cleveland reflects the demeanor of the Victorians of the 1880s, a time when people believed that more was wonderful. Thus, the heavy clothes and overstuffed chair.***

*Photograph courtesy of Jesse Franklin Cleveland.*

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The churchyard of the Episcopal Church of the Advent – continued. John B. Cleveland (center photo) was another of Jesse Cleveland's grandsons. His wife, Georgia Alden Cleveland, in whose honor the church tower was erected (top photos), was his cousin. Note the way her name is worked into the archway over the door in the photo top-right.

*John B. Cleveland was born in 1848 in Spartanburg. He graduated from Wofford College in 1869 and trained as a lawyer. His major success, however, was in business, where he amassed a fortune in land, textiles, and railroads. He was for many years the president of the Whitney Manufacturing Company and the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway. By the turn of the century, John B. Cleveland was Spartanburg's foremost citizen, and the city as well as private organizations such as Wofford and Converse colleges were the beneficiaries of his generosity. He died in 1928.*

*Photograph courtesy of Wofford College.*

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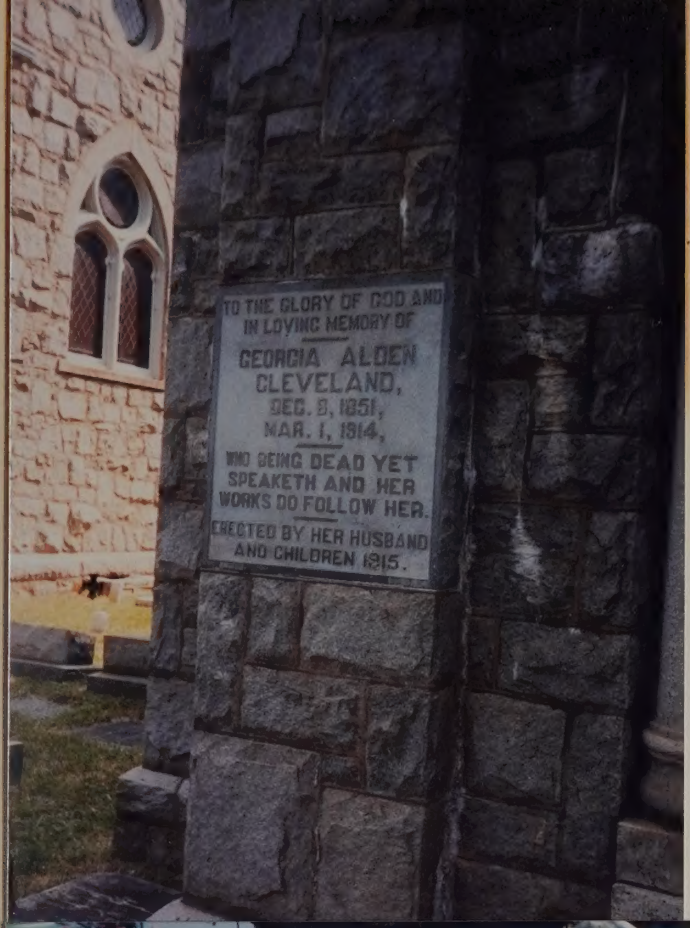
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGIA ALDEN
CLEVELAND,
DEC. 8, 1851,
MAR. 1, 1914,
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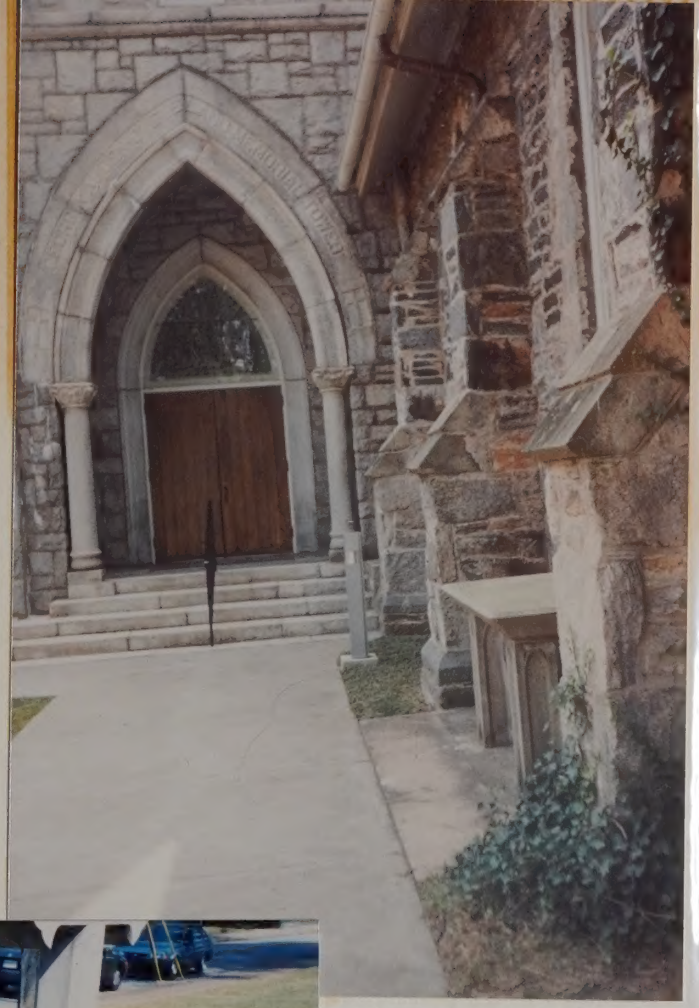
ERECTED BY HER HUSBAND
AND CHILDREN 1915.



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N. CHURCH ST.

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The Cleveland mansion, known as Bonhaven, was built by Jesse Cleveland's son, John Bomar Cleveland, Sr., who passed it on to his son, John Bomar Cleveland, Jr. Their descendant, another John Bomar Cleveland, now lives in the mansion. We tried to phone him, but his number is unlisted; and no one responded when we rang the bell and knocked on the door to the mansion. (And then we were accosted by a panhandler just across the street ☺) Born November 9, 1848, John Bomar Cleveland, Jr., was a graduate of Wofford College. After his graduation, he studied law in the office of Evins & Bomar, a leading Spartanburg firm. He was admitted to the bar in 1871 and formed a law partnership with Major D.R. Duncan. Though very successful in this venture, John dissolved his connection with the firm in 1880 and devoted his attention to business, including a private bank and brokerage business, cotton factories, a limestone company, a home water supply business, a manufacturing company, and a railroad. He was also trustee of Wofford College, Converse College, and the city schools, where he was instrumental in establishing the "graded school system." A delegate to the National Convention in Chicago in 1884, he nominated Grover Cleveland for President. In 1871 he married a cousin, Miss Georgia Alden Cleveland. Both are buried in the churchyard of the Episcopal Church of the Advent (see photos on previous page).

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The Cleveland mansion Bonhaven — continued. Hidden in the woods surrounding the mansion are remnants of the slaves quarters. Since we were unsuccessful in contacting John Bomar Cleveland, we were afraid to trespass any farther into his land to get a closer look!

Bottom: The Cleveland Elementary School occupies the land where Bonhaven's "twin mansion," owned by the brother of the original John Bomar, once stood.

*Dr. Jesse, who stopped practicing medicine to manage his business affairs, built his house on Howard Street where the Cleveland school is presently located, and John B. built his house—named Bonhaven—on the north side of the intersection of North Church Street and the Asheville Highway.*

*Henry and Jesse Cleveland stand before Bonhaven, built in 1884 by their father, John B. Cleveland.*

*Photograph courtesy of Dexter Cleveland.*

CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MY HUSBAND
JEREMIAH CLEVELAND
FEB. 11, 1837
MAY 19, 1869
HE IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH

ELIZABETH MAXWELL CLEVELAND
WIFE OF
JEREMIAH CLEVELAND
FEB. 23, 1841
MAY 20, 1924
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD

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Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery is the second oldest cemetery in Greenville and surrounds the oldest church in Greenville. Among the many, many Clevelands buried here is this small, sad family: Jeremiah Cleveland (who died in 1869 at the age of thirty-two), his son Robert Benjamin Cleveland (his "only child" who died four years later at the age of six), and his wife Elizabeth Maxwell Cleveland (who lived alone after that until her death in 1924). Many stories can be pieced together by reading tombstones & Note the elaborate statuary on Robert's grave. This particular cemetery was filled with similarly beautiful and intricate monuments.

In this April 20, 1958 photograph, Greenville firefighters extinguish a West McBee Avenue fire that gutted the Emaxcee Building and did extensive damage to adjacent buildings. The day after the fire the *Greenville News* reported that the damage was estimated at over $700,000.

The Emaxcee Building was built in 1906 with brick made by Mays Cleveland at Marietta, and with wood cut by Jesse Cleveland at Cleveland. The Belk parking lot now stands on its former site. Photograph by William Cromer; courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goldsmith

The Emaxcee Building was named in honor of Elizabeth Maxwell Cleveland (daughter of James Harvey Cleveland, granddaughter of Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland). She married her first cousin, Jeremiah Cap Cleveland (son of Jesse Franklin Cleveland, grandson of Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland).

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Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery - continued. The top photos show another sad story. Lizzie Cleveland Williams, the infant daughter of James T. and Elixa Cleveland Williams lived just barely a month. Then, less than a month after the baby's death, Elixa died. (James T. isn't in this cemetery.) The bottom photo shows a monument marking a whole section of smaller stones belonging to the family of R. M. Cleveland, the son of Jeremiah Cleveland (who is buried elsewhere in Greenville) and the grandson of Capt. Robert Cleveland. Several other direct descendants of Capt. Robert are in this cemetery.

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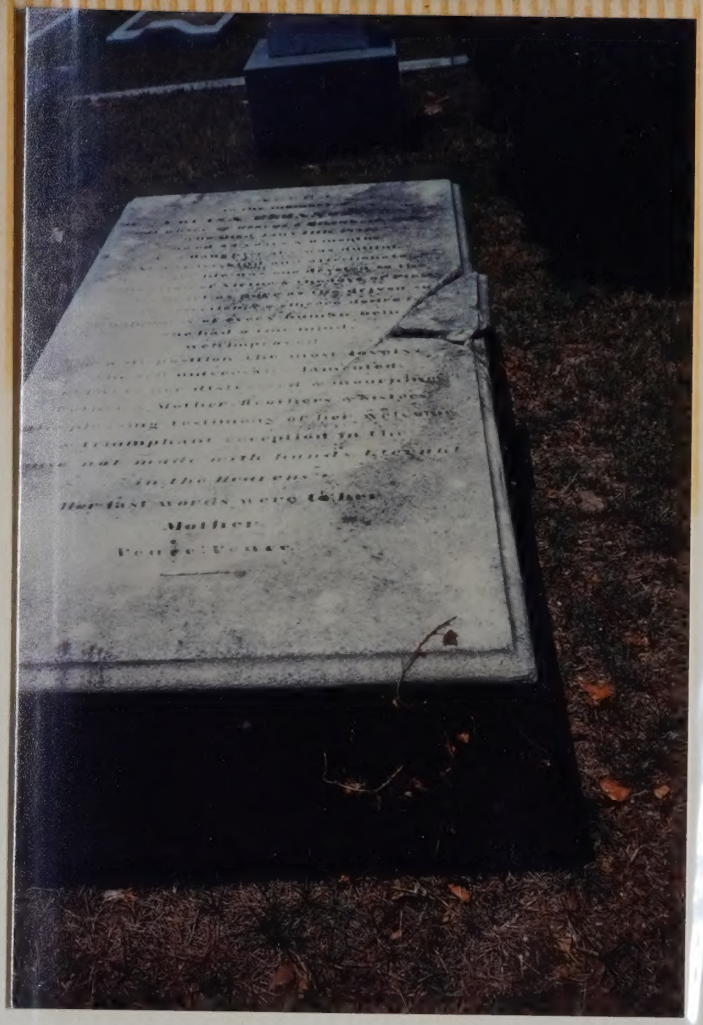
IN MEMORY OF
LIZZIE CLEVELAND
INFANT DAUGHTER OF



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Springwood Cemetery in downtown Greenville is the oldest cemetery in that city. First opened to the public in 1829, the land was originally used for a garden by Waddie Thompson, who married a Cleveland girl. This fenced area encloses the family of Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland, one of Greenville's wealthiest and most prominent citizens and the son of Capt. Robert Cleveland, the nephew of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and "second" cousin to "our" Jacob Cleveland. (I have Jeremiah's three-page will in my family album.) Jeremiah is also the great-great-great-grandfather of my seventh cousin, Robert Cleveland, whom I met on this trip. (His photo appears previously in this book.) Debbie and I can't figure out why the Confederate sceptor was put through the gate. Though Clevelands fought bravely and proudly for the Confederacy, none of those in this enclosure participated in that particular war.

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Springwood Cemetery — continued. Inside the Jeremiah Cleveland enclosure, the two upright monuments mark the graves of his daughter Harriet (top photo) and son Jesse (bottom photos).

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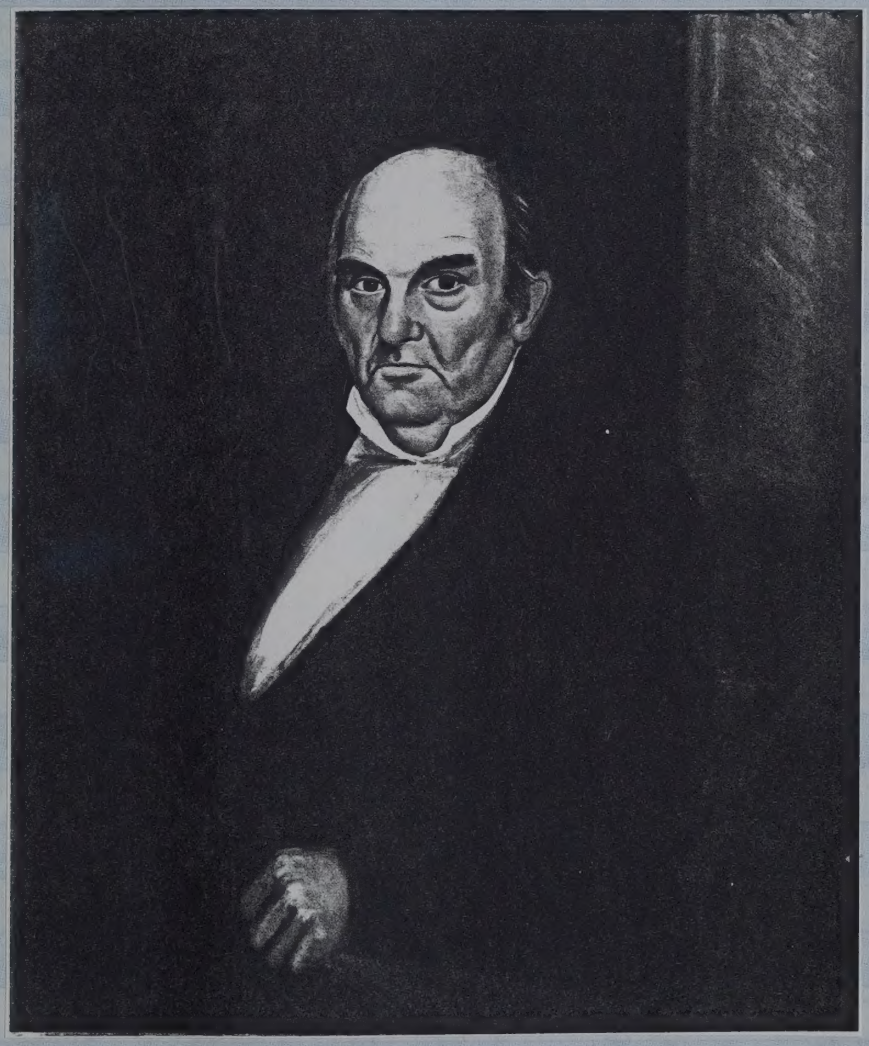
Springwood Cemetery - continued.

Top: The final resting places of Jeremiah Cleveland (left) and his wife Sarah Vannoy Cleveland (right).

Bottom: The grave of Jeremiah's daughter Eliza.



Capt. Jeremiah Cleveland
(around 1840)
Copy of an Oil Painting

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Springwood Cemetery - continued. In the newer part of the cemetery are graves of the more recent descendants of Capt. Jeremiah. The monument in the top photograph marks the grave of the father of the current Robert Cleveland.

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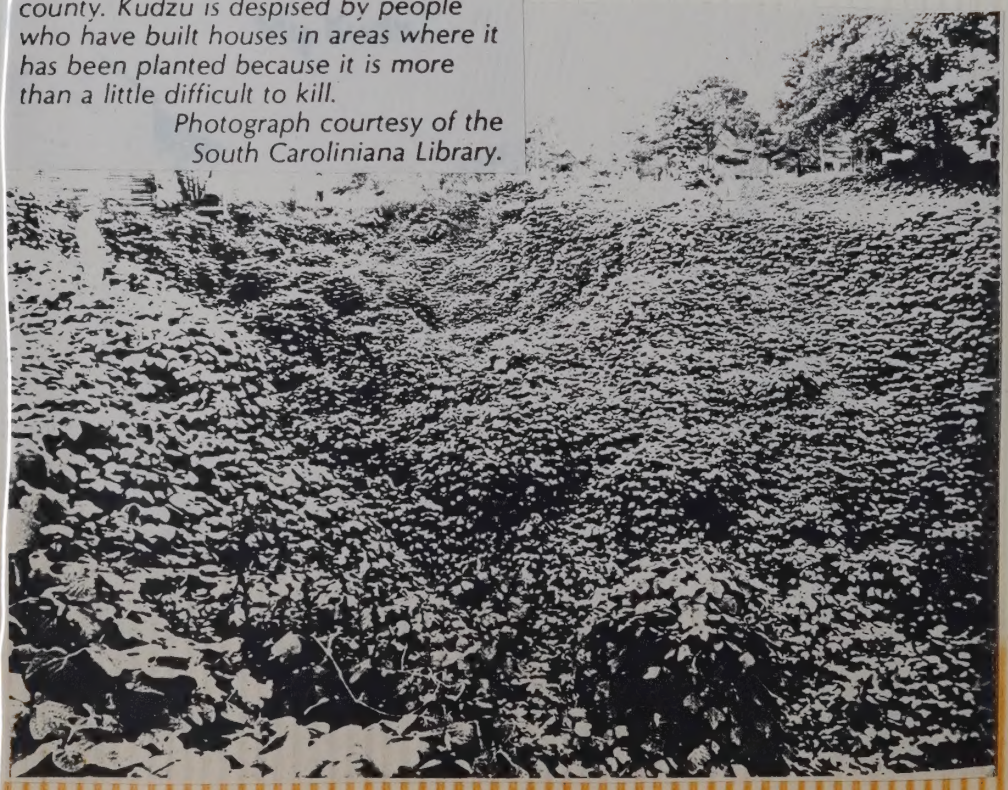
SUE T. CLEVELAND
MAY 20. 1877
MAR. 9. 1962

CLEVELAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
NURSE US NAVY

ROBERT M. CLEVELAND
MAY 1, 1871
JUNE 8. 1914

*One of the quickest and most effective methods of stopping erosion and rebuilding gullies was to plant kudzu. In 1933 a farmer near Woodruff planted twenty kudzu plants in this gully. Only six or eight lived. By 1935, when this photograph was taken, his gully was covered, and he boasted that it was filling up at the rate of two to four feet a year. Planting kudzu was rapidly adopted as an anti-erosion measure, and it appeared all over the county. Kudzu is despised by people who have built houses in areas where it has been planted because it is more than a little difficult to kill.*

*Photograph courtesy of the South Caroliniana Library.*



HART COUNTY, GA

Top: The old house of John Martin White, brother of our "direct" ancestor Milly White Cleveland (wife of Jacob). Built nearly 200 years ago on land that used to be in Elbert County, the home is constructed of large hewed logs (the house was built before sawmills!) with a rock chimney. John received the land as a grant for his "brave and gallant" services in the Revolution. It is located on the headwaters of North Beaverdam Creek, five miles southwest of Hartwell. Across the road from the house in a grove of pecan trees is the family burying ground, where John, his wife Milly Ballenger White, their descendants, and slaves are buried. The pecan grove is encircled by a fenced cow pasture, so we were unable to take any pictures of the cemetery. A particularly arrogant bull quelled any adventurous thoughts we had about running a gauntlet of cowpies to get to the cemetery!

Bottom: MY KUDZU!

Moon worn thin to the width of a quill,
In the dawn clouds flying,
How good to go, light into light, and still
Giving light, dying.

– Sara Teasdale